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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

THE NEWS WEEKLIES

If you think no daily newspaper is reliable, but that by reading one of the three big news weeklies you can get a true picture of what's going on, and who's responsible for what's going on, then it's high time you took the advice of the AFL-CIO.

Saul Miller, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Publications, has sent to East Bay Labor Journal, with a covering letter, a 20-page reprint from the New Republic containing articles on U. S. News and World Report, Newsweek, and Time. These articles, by Ben H. Bagdikian, originally appeared in the Providence Journal-Bulletin. A copy can be got for 35 cents from the New Republic, 1244 19th Street NW, Washington 6, D. C.

When you get through reading this analysis of the three big news weeklies, you feel it's better to fumble along through even the most biased big daily paper, and absorb lies and misrepresentations in small doses, instead of taking one big dose a week.

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THE BEST ONE'S BAD

Many readers have discovered all by themselves that Time and Newsweek are tricky and unreliable, but the notion persists in many heads that the more "high class" U. S. News & World Report, which has a habit of printing complete documents and verbatim taped interviews, instead of just snippets, is to be trusted. But just read this:

"In the first six months of 1958, for example, there were verbatim interviews (in U. S. News & World Report) with 27 representatives of large corporations. There were almost none from labor or the opposite wing of domestic economics. On auto workers' demands there were textual reprints from heads of the car manufacturing corporations, none from the union.

"On prices, wages, and profits there were full texts from Harlow Curtice, head of General Motors; Roger M. Blough, chairman of U. S. Steel; and Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute; but none from the opposite side."

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THEY LOVE GOP!

In political reporting, a survey made of U. S. News & World Report in the 1956 campaign showed that it was only one percent biased toward the Republicans in the 150,000 words published on the campaign; while Time's 34,000 words were 75% biased toward the Republicans, and Newsweek's 14,000 words were 28% biased the same way.

They all three seem to like the GOP. Odd, isn't it?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Strike won by Textile Workers

Pickets' grit, backing by all unions, does it

The oldfashioned union grit, determination, guts, courage, or whatever the correct and polite term is, coupled with the backing of other unions through the Central Labor Council, won the strike, more than a month long, of Textile Workers 146 against the Burckhardt Company and its giant parent, the Textron outfit.

After delegates had filed into the CLC meeting, dropping cans of food for the strikers into the box at the door, the announcement that the strike had been won was made by CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash had assigned Groulx to work on the strike from its inception.

"But the food is as welcome as ever," said Groulx, "as the pickets were so effective in diverting business from the company that it will be some time before everybody is back at work."

Steelworkers, Carmen, Printing Specialties, Insurance Workers were among the unions which had taken action and sent delegates to the meeting armed with checks for the aid of the strikers, in response to the plea sent out by Secretary Robert S. Ash for aid to a small local fighting a big outfit.

The settlement was for a 24½-cent package in a two-year contract. Also the vacation plan has been improved.

Sonia Baltrun of the striking local told the council that "when the attorney for the corporation flew out from St. Louis to see us two weeks ago he thought we were about ready to give in. But we told him to go back home."

She said that when the settlement was finally made, a negotiator for the corporation remarked that when the news got back to the workers for the outfit in St. Louis, it would give them bad ideas; they'd begin thinking they wanted more money, too!

Gus Billy of the striking union, who is well known for his work

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Per cap committee named by Crowell

President Crowell has appointed the subcommittee of the Central Labor Council executive committee which is to consider the per capita question referred back to the executive committee by a recent meeting of the council after some discussion.

The subcommittee consists of Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546; Pat Sander, Cooks 228; Robert Rivers, Communications Workers; Secretary Robert S. Ash, and President Crowell.



FOUR LABOR LIBERALS, reading from left to right: Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco; Congressman George P. Miller, 8th District; Supervisor Francis Dunn; Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, 7th District. The picture is especially appropriate this week, when both Congressmen Miller and Cohelan have been back home briefly. The picture was taken some weeks ago, when Supervisor Dunn's friends gave him a party while he was in Washington on official business.

NOMINATIONS JUNE 22, ELECTION JUNE 29; CLC

At the Central Labor Council meeting next week, Monday, June 22, nominations will be received for the place on the executive committee made vacant by the resignation of Charles Garoni; and for one delegate to the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego which opens August 10.

The election for the two posts will be held the following Monday, June 29.

Miller & Cohelan both briefly here

Both Congressmen whose districts lie in Alameda County were here this week.

Representative George P. Miller, 8th District, was here on House committee business, and Representative Jeffery Cohelan, 7th District, was here briefly en route to San Diego, to attend a conference on a House assignment.

Cohelan from his office in Washington had just issued a statement strongly criticizing HR 3, introduced by Representative Howard Smith of Virginia, affecting the U. S. Supreme Court. Cohelan contended that it was aimed at the court because of its school integration decision.

BTC studies progress in urban renewal programs

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week received a report from top managers of Oakland's urban renewal program on the progress that has been made during the three years that program has been under way.

By speech, chart, map, and carefully constructed models of various phases of the project, the delegates were given insight into the achievements and the visions of citizens and officials in Clinton Park, east of Lake Merritt in the heart of Oakland, and in West Oakland.

Talks were made by Fred H. Squires Jr., executive director, Department of Urban Renewal, and Richard Lankford, supervising urban renewal representative, as well as by other officials. Lankford spoke first, as Squires was detained for a time at a meeting of the City Council considering business connected with the big program.

Lankford, speaking specifically of the Clinton Park work, which is Oakland Urban Renewal Project No. 1 and of the general plan of activity, said that there are three phases to urban renewal: conservation and maintenance, rehabilitation, and redevelopment.

Clinton Park area runs from a little east of Lake Merritt to 14th Avenue, and lies between portions of East 12th and East

14th Street on the one hand and East 21st Street on the other.

Lankford pointed out that it was by no means a blighted area, but that, once recognized as one of the city's best residential neighborhoods, gradually it had begun to deteriorate, and, since it is well located, convenient to shopping, transportation, and the central business district, it was felt to be an ideal area for rescue from deterioration into a slum.

By public agencies, that is, by the city of Oakland and by the U. S. Government, some \$2 millions is being spent, but the

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No cannery stop, & Guild wins pact

Whirlwind negotiations between the Teamster - Cannery workers and the employers brought a last minute tentative agreement staving off the Statewide strike scheduled for Wednesday. The agreement is being submitted to the membership.

In San Jose the Newspaper Guild strike against the Ridder papers ended with an agreement, but the plants were still closed as the Stereotypers still had not reached a settlement.

HOW TO BUY

Tests rate vinyl tiles high

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Both users' experiences with hard-surface floor coverings, and laboratory tests rate 100 per cent vinyl tiles high for all-around satisfaction at a medium price. Interestingly, some of the most expensive floor coverings turn out to be not necessarily the most practical.

Tests of wear by the Texas Experiment Station found vinyl and rubber tiles most resistant to wear, and asphalt least resistant. In between are vinyl asbestos, linoleum, linotile and cork.

Besides its good wear resistance, 100 percent vinyl has a smooth, lustrous surface that holds its colors well, and is easy to clean. Vinyl does have one shortcoming, in dimensional stability. It tends to shrink slightly. This shortcoming may be more apparent in some brands than others, and is a point to inquire about when you buy.

Vinyl asbestos is another reasonably-priced tile that performs fairly well in both user and laboratory experiences. This is asbestos with a vinyl plastic surface. For a few dollars more, 100 percent vinyl is superior on most counts, but preferably is used only for above-grade installations, or with special adhesive, on grade (ground-level), but not in basements nor on concrete.

Vinyl asbestos or asphalt can be safely used on floors in contact with the ground, or below grade in basements. Vinyl asbestos costs somewhat more than asphalt, but waxes better, has a higher gloss and is more resistant to grease, acids and solvents. Asphalt has been widely used for radiant-heated floors, but vinyl asbestos can be used for this purpose too.

Vinyl asbestos, however, has

only a little more resiliency than asphalt tile. As many people who have asphalt tile know, it has virtually no recovery from indentations caused by heavy furniture, and is hard underfoot. Vinyl asbestos has a little better recovery, but still rates low in comfort and quietness.

Rubber and linoleum floors are high in resiliency and 100 percent vinyl is good in this respect.

The Texas study found that dark, solid colors in most floor coverings show wear the most, except in rubber tile. The testers also checked on the usual maintenance practice recommended by manufacturers, of waxing and a method of cleaning off old wax before applying a new coat. It was found that such maintenance helped keep up the appearance of all the floor coverings. But only in the case of linoleums and cork did it also help resist wear.

In waxing hard-surface floor covering, all experts advise that several light coats are more effective than one heavy coat. They recommend that you let each coat dry completely before the next is applied. That sounds like more work than one heavy coat, but you won't have to wax as frequently.

Avoid the use of abrasive powders on floor tiles and linoleum. Abrasives, especially wet abrasives, tend to break and roughen the surface so that dirt gets a foothold and is hard to remove. Similarly, wet shoes or overshoes bringing in sand or mud are also hard on floor-coverings, the Texas Station advises. Door mats save money as well as work.

Don't hesitate to comparison-shop both prices of the tiles and of installation. These charges do vary among dealers. Last year the Federal Trade Commission charged one of the largest manufacturers of vinyl plastic, Sandura, with attempting to tell retailers how much to charge for the tiles and for installation, and refusing to sell to dealers who charged less. Such price-fixing is illegal.

Compare gauge (thickness) in buying tiles or linoleum. The thicker the more durable. But costly heavy gauges are not too essential for light traffic areas.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

SILENCE WEEK (Semaine du Silence) in Paris recently was considered a sufficient success by the police to warrant having it again next year.

"The notion of silence" entered many Parisian minds, said the head of the police department, but of course the week did not claim to realize immediately the miracle of silence."

Out of 1,833 two- and four-wheeled vehicles examined by the police at one testing station set up for the week, 21% were found too noisy in the exhaust. We suspect that in this country the percentage of excessively noisy motorcycles and automobiles would be found far higher.

RADIO, supersonic planes, and garbage cans were also studied and controlled to some extent to achieve what perhaps we would call quiet rather than silence.

Certainly in a civilization dedicated to the rapid mechanization of all functions there is bound to be a good deal of noise. But with equal certainty it can be said that much of the noise which afflicts us in this country is unnecessary — unnecessary, that is, from the mechanical side.

When you get over to the psychological side, however, it is a pretty safe bet that much of the noise that is made by young people on motorcycles or with "pipes" on their cars, and also made by ungrownup grownups, is psychologically necessary to them until those holes in their heads are plugged by a psychiatrist.

THE NOISE that astounds some of us, though, is that made by a TV set which is turned on in some households first thing in the morning, and runs all day and far into the night with apparently very little attention being paid to it. Apparently such folks just like to live in the midst of a big noise.

A "Semaine du Silence" might kill the poor darlings!

Cheese research

Dairy researchers at the University of Minnesota found that the relative hardness or softness of cheese was the most useful clue to ease of melting.

For both flavor and ease of melting, a softened aged cheddar is the best choice.

Wicked landlord

"I suppose they ask a lot for the rent of this house?" asked a woman of her hostess.

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Parted, they still quarrel

When a divorced couple clash over the amount of time each may spend with their children, they are seldom motivated by concern for their youngsters. They are prompted instead by an unconscious desire to get the better of each other.

A realization of the devastating effect of their bickering on their children's emotional well-being often enables the parents to mend their ways and present a united front.

That is the experience and self-knowledge of a number of divorced parents who were questioned recently on problems of visitation. They are members of Parents Without Partners, an organization of parents who are rearing their children without the help of a mate. — New York Times.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

WE EAT what we like, not what is good for us, according to Miss Leona Shapiro, nutritionist, who is conducting a survey out here for the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Public Health.

In Berkeley, where she did a sampling, she found that one-third of the families in her sampling had a much too high calorie intake. One third were short in vitamin C, which is found in many fruits and green leafy vegetables. Another large percentage were deficient in calcium, some lacked vitamin B, others vitamin A.

Women tend to look for foods that are "easy to cook", rather than foods high in nutritional value.

If you follow shoppers around the super market, you will see carts heaped high with cookies, cakes, buns and rolls, or with "mixes" for the easy preparation of these foods, rather than carts heaped high with fresh vegetables.

This not surprising. If you have ever unpacked a big load of lettuces and green vegetables, washed, cleaned and sorted them and put them away in the refrigerator, you cannot blame these busy mothers for avoiding such tasks. It is a lot of work.

Moreover, men and children, unless they have been well-trained, "hate" vegetables. And not only spinach, either. A great many men will eat only meat and potatoes and bread stuffs, including daily desserts of pie or cake.

It is no easy task for the wife and mother to educate her family. She may not know too much about nutrition herself. But most women begin worrying about their weight fairly early in life, and that leads to worry about diet.

Women know vaguely that good nutrition is important. And most women want their children to be healthy and have good strong bones and teeth.

Information about nutrition is available to any woman who wants to learn about it. The "wanting to learn" is the important thing.

Good old rules on complexion

Here are two fundamental pointers to employ faithfully each day so that a healthy, glowing complexion will radiate beneath your new Spring hat.

First, soap scrub your face at night (or oftener if you have oily skin) using the tips of your fingers to loosen grime and make-up. This scrubbing action also massages the skin and helps bring color to your cheeks by stimulating circulation.

Rinse soapsuds off thoroughly. Again use clean hands or a spanking clean washcloth.

Second, counteract the drying effect of the scrubbing action by liberally applying your favorite cream. Let this soak in a few minutes. Then wipe all cream off with Kleenex tissues, using as many clean tissues as you need.



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Officers elected by Carpenters in the Hayward local

Results of Carpenters' Local No. 1622 election held June 13, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, as announced by Marius Waldal, recording secretary.

President, Gutave Toensing; Vice President, Raymond Lane; Recording Secretary, Marius Waldal.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Dan R. Guzzi; Conductor, Kyle Moon; Warden, W. L. Williams; Trustee, Robert L. Queen.

Business Representatives, Charles Roe, Leon McCool.

Delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters to be held at Sacramento: Charles Roe, Dan R. Guzzi, Marius Waldal, D. F. Rider.

Delegates to the California State Federation, AFLCIO to be held at San Diego: Virgil Brunstedt, Leon McCool, Gustave Toensing, Robert L. Queen.

Delegates to the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County:—Charles Roe, Dan R. Guzzi, Leon McCool, Marius Waldal, Virgil Brunstedt, Louis A. Fuller, Everett Babcock, Luther Cook.

Delegates to Alameda County COPE:—Charles Roe, Leon McCool, Marius Waldal, Virgil Brunstedt, Leo Schiager.

Berkeley June 23 school bond vote

The Central Labor Council is recommending all labor people and friends of labor in Berkeley to vote for the school bonds coming before the voters of that city June 23.

The proposed bond issue, for a 25-year period at a total cost of \$9,980,000, came within 132 votes of getting the required two-thirds majority at the last election. Ray Hernandez, president of Berkeley Teachers 1078, says that if all those who regretted the bonds failing will speak to their friends and urge them to vote, there's no doubt that the issue will carry this time.

The bonds are needed for eliminating overcrowded conditions; replacing serious fire hazards and antiquated facilities such as Oxford and Emerson Elementary Schools; replacing classrooms which are inadequate and out-of-date for modern educational programs; replacing portables which are inadequate and/or are using site area badly needed for outdoor teaching spaces; and increasing play area critically needed for physical education.

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Strike okay given in KTVU dispute

The Central Labor Council has granted strike sanction to the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists against television station KTVU.

The union contends that management refuses to pay the scale for announcers, their pay by the station being \$27 below scale, and that management also puts obstacles in the way of organizing personnel held to be within the jurisdiction of the union.

CLC delegates

Delegates obligated by President Russ Crowell at the June 8 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: Joseph Caires, Steel Workers 5525; Francis Crowsen, Glass Bottle Blowers 142; Earl Moore, Typographical 36; Juan Perez, East Bay Regional Park Workers 414; Wm. F. Vierra, Steelworkers 1798.

Garoni resigning, election called

The resignation of Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, from the Central Labor Council executive committee was accepted by the council at this week's meeting. As previously reported in East Bay Labor Journal, Garoni, for 17 years financial secretary of Local 1290, is leaving that post to take a position with the California Vision Service.

Also at this week's meeting of the council it was announced that since the California Labor Federation's convention date in San Diego has been set for August 10, it is necessary to elect one delegate from the council to attend.

Accordingly dates for nomination and election of a successor to Garoni and a delegate to the Federation conclave were set as announced elsewhere in this issue.

Byron of Sheet Metal Workers at top labor meets 50 years

The Building Trades Council adjourned a recent meeting in respect to the memory of Robert Byron. Following is the AFLCIO News story of Byron's death:

Robert Byron, who planned to retire July 1 after 21 years of service as president of the Sheet Metal Workers, died of cancer in an Evanston, Illinois, hospital at the age of 79.

He was actively in charge of directing the union from its Washington headquarters until three months ago.

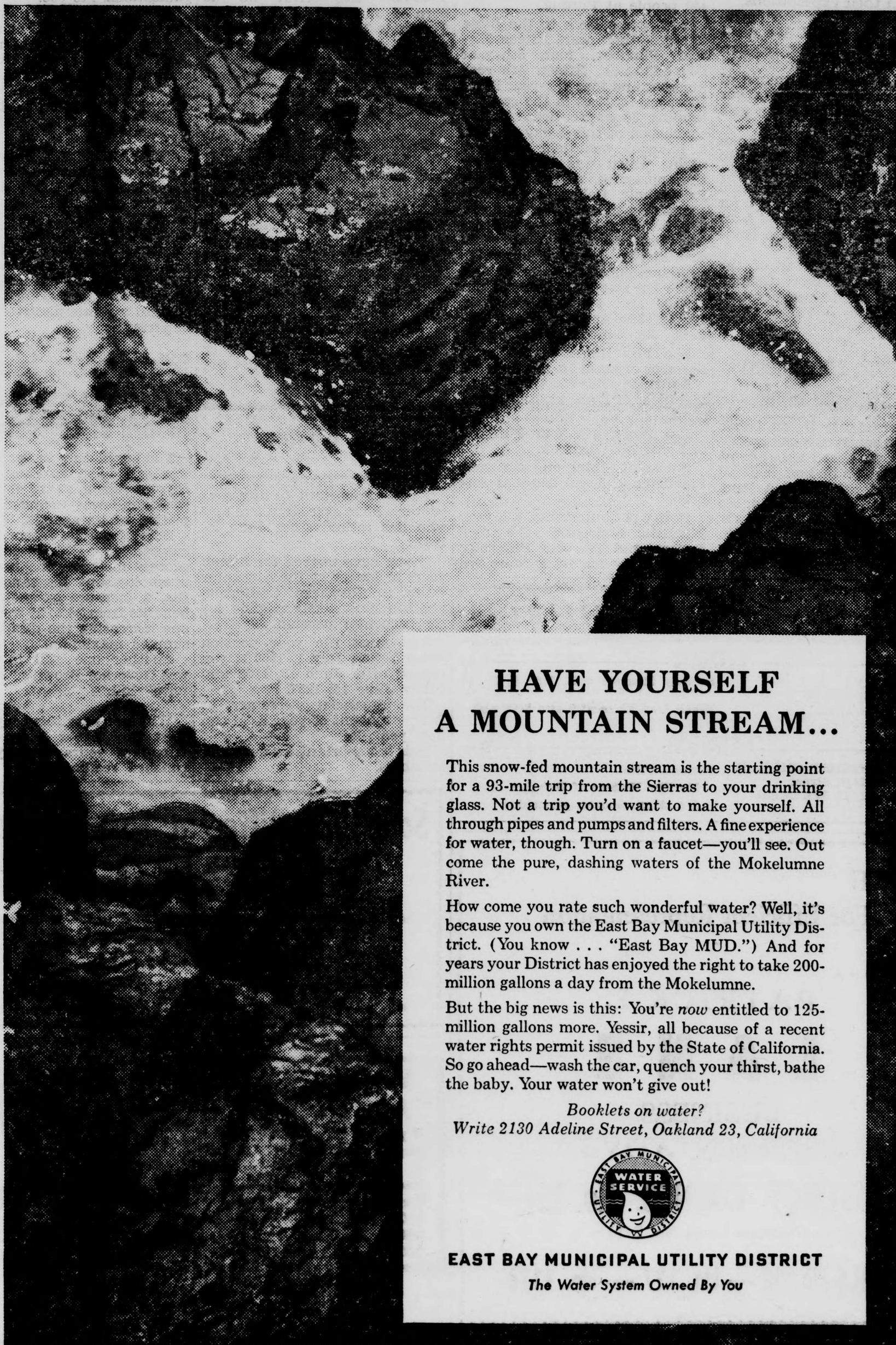
He had attended every AFL and AFLCIO convention for the last 50 years, represented U. S. workers at three meetings of the International Labor Organization and was a close friend of the late Samuel Gompers. He formerly was a vice president of the AFL Building & Construc-

tion Trades Department and the Metal Trades Department.

A worker in Southern Illinois coal mines before he was 15, he was active in pioneering organizational efforts which led eventually to what is now the Mine Workers. At 17 he became a sheet metal worker and helped organize Springfield Local 84 of the Sheet Metal Workers. He was president of the Springfield Federation of Labor early in the century.

He became a general organizer for the union in 1910 and served in international union posts until being elected to the presidency in 1938.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Hultgren of Northbrook, and two sisters. The funeral services and burial were in Chicago.



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Fresno labor folk say farm union is 'long hard haul'

A campaign long in the making reportedly got underway this week in Stockton as AFLCIO unions opened a drive to organize the workers on California's factory farms.

The drive supposedly is a co-operative effort between the Agricultural Workers and the Packinghouse Workers with the full support of the AFLCIO.

It is to be under the direction of Norman Smith, who has had much experience in this field, and Ernesto Galarza, national vice president of the Agricultural Workers, who has carried the fight for farm workers in California for many years.

The drive reportedly will move into the Fresno area later in the season.

Some local unionists who lived, sweated and bled a little through earlier unsuccessful efforts were guarded in their expectations.

Their point: "This is going to be a long, hard haul. We don't want any more flash in the pan campaigns where we make nice sounding noises for a couple of months and then fold up our tents as soon as the going gets tough."

"Everybody concerned from the top rung of the AFLCIO to the grassroots should realize that this drive to be successful must get consistent support for two, three or four years from union members and union leaders all along the line."

Secretary Bill O'Rear of the Fresno-Madera Labor Council pledged complete cooperation from his office. — Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno).

The catfish cure given to that stinking bank

The Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin recently announced:

"A man we heard about went to a bank where he had dealt all his life and asked for a loan. He was turned down cold. So he bought a huge catfish, wrapped it carefully, put it in his safety deposit box and left town for six months!"

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The California State annual apprenticeship contest was held the past week at Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo, California.

This annual affair was conducted by the California State Joint Apprenticeship Committee, consisting of both labor and management.

The 5th year Plumber and Pipefitter State winners will participate in the United Association annual international contest to be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, August 10-15, 1959. Awards and prize monies in the amounts of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. There is a 5-day instructors course in connection with this international contest also. So, between the apprentices and instructors, representing various States in the Union and the Province of Canada, also guests and committee members in attendance, there will be some 450 people at Purdue.

Now, going back to the State Contest—there were fifteen 5th-year Plumber, four 5th-year Pipefitter, fifteen 4th-year Plumber and four 4th-year Pipefitter apprentices in the contest, totaling 38 apprentices. At the conclusion of this 3-day contest, a banquet was held Saturday night, which was attended by the apprentices and their wives, Polytechnic College faculty, committee members and guests. The principal speaker was United Association Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald, who announced the winners and made the awards of \$125.00, and \$100.00 and \$75.00 respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The winners were:

Walter Swanson, 5th year Plumber of Local 78, Los Angeles.
Alphonse Estrada, 5th year Pipefitter of Local 38, San Francisco.

Jim Wray, 4th year Plumber of Local 761, Burbank.

Robert Abington, 4th year Pipefitter of Local 250, Los Angeles.

Both 342 Contestants, 5th year Pipefitter apprentice, George Barber, and 4th year Pipefitter apprentice, Tom Dulle, were 3rd

place winners in this contest. We wish to congratulate Brothers Barber and Dulle on a job well done.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2, 1959.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

In the column written by Mildred a week ago, she informed you of the death of my father and of my mother's accident.

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish at this time to thank the members for their condolences and sympathy expressed.

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

IT'S A GIRL FOR THE AXIOTES FAMILY! And their first born, named Irene Elaine.

Most of the members know Gus Axiotes, clockmaker working for Granat Bros. for many years. This new little arrival who was born on June 3rd weighed in at 6 pounds 12 ounces, and those of you who know Gus's wife 'Kal' will agree that baby is almost as big as mother, who herself, looks like a doll.

Congratulations, Gus and Kal, from all of us.

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Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

This is important to any carpenter who is over sixty five and who has retired since June 15, 1952.

If you have worked for fifteen years or longer at the carpenter trade in Northern California, you are most likely eligible for the carpenter pension.

You must file your pension claim before July 1, 1959 if you retired after June 15, 1952 and before June 15, 1957.

The Financial Secretary or Business Agent of your local can help you file.

This is important for our older members.

CARPENTERS STORY

Owing to still being tied up in negotiations, I was again unable to prepare a report for East Bay Labor Journal, but hope to have one for next week's issue.

CHARLES ROE,
Conference Board Member,
Bay District Council of Carpenters.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

We had fine attendance at our June 6 special called meeting. It seemed nice talking to people, instead of to empty chairs.

Several members have mentioned to me that their wives read this report. God Bless the Ladies. With all their other talents, American women are lovely and intelligent. We've mentioned before that more women register to vote than men. Which explains why politicians, and newspapers, cater to women organizations. Me too.

Back at the plants, we have employers to the left of us, employers to the right of us, employers in front of us, disturbed and resisting. Their's not to reason why, theirs to object and deny, and believe me brother, they try. With lawyers assisting.

STEWARDS: The chief steward in each plant must take certain precautions thirty days before the expiration of the agreement. These were ordered by our membership at a special called meeting. Written instructions will be issued at the Joint Stewards Council on Saturday June 20 at 10:30 a.m. You must attend, or send a representative. This is important.

Bills affecting labor involved in final week turmoil of Legislature

The Legislature in Sacramento was scheduled to complete its current session at the end of this week, and was racing for completion of its agenda.

Bills of special interest to organized labor which were still in process included one increasing unemployment insurance benefits, a measure extending such benefits from 26 to 39 weeks, and one increasing the disability insurance maximum.

Another one still in process was Governor Brown's "labor reform" bill.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Dick Groulx can't outdo that Dad of his in unionism!

Dick Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, has built somewhat of a reputation for himself as a fighter for unionism, but news from Long Beach this week indicated that his father, Alex Groulx, at the age of 59 is right in there fighting, too.

Alex Groulx has been elected president of the big local of the United Auto Workers at the Douglas plant in Long Beach, one of the big locals of the big union.

The UAW has been grateful to Alex Groulx for a long time, for years ago he did organizing work for that union in Kansas City, Missouri, and got blacklisted for his pains.

With the union-haters after him in Kansas City to see to it that he couldn't make a living there, Alex Groulx went to New York and found work as a metal polisher.

Coming to California, prior to World War II, he worked in the Santa Monica plant, and then in the Long Beach plant when it was opened. Active in the UAW as a shop steward, and as chief steward, he has been at the plant ever since. He now lives in Artesia. The family grew up at Fulton, Alex and his wife Ruth having three children, Yvonne, Marjorie, and the redoubtable Dick.

Political picnic set for Sept. 12

Robert S. Ash as secretary of Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) announces that the executive board of that body has chosen September 12 as the date for the holding of the annual political picnic.

Tickets for the big affair will be available in the near future, Ash said.

Money raised by the picnic is used in campaigns for the candidates to Federal office. Under the Taft-Hartley Act the only money labor people can contribute to campaign for Federal office must come from individual contributors. Those who buy tickets to the picnic are individually contributing money.

In addition, those who buy tickets and attend the affair, held in one of the regional parks, have a good time and give their families a treat.

Steel Machinists 1304 having suggested that special efforts be made this year to celebrate Labor Day, the Central Labor Council has adopted a recommendation of its executive committee that this celebration be accomplished in cooperation with the picnic committee.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held July 2, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of June will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

All carpenters who retired from the trade between June 15, 1952 and June 15, 1957 with a minimum of 15 years membership in the Northern California locals should apply for their pensions under the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund before the July 1, 1959 deadline. No applications will be accepted for Minimum Pensions after this date. Forms requesting pension applications are available at the Carpenters Local 1622 office, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

Nominations of officers, delegates, and committees for the ensuing term were closed at the June 5 meeting, and voting on those nominated will be held June 19, 1959, under the Australian system which permits the ballot box to be opened for a longer period of time. The ballot box will be open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. June 19, 1959, for anyone who wishes to vote during the day. In accordance with the constitution all terms of office will be 2 years. Meeting in Hall A, Labor Temple, Oakland.

Fraternally,
F. G. BROOKS, Pres.
M. D. CICINATO, Sec.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meeting will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California.

The stewards will meet Thursday this week at 8 p.m., June 18, 1959.

Educational committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., June 24, 1959.

Your officers expect to cancel the meeting of July 3, 1959 as it is the 4th of July holiday weekend.

All retired carpenters are requested to apply for their pensions before July 1, 1959, as this is the expiration deadline and please remember that you have only about three weeks to get in your application.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will hold a special meeting on Friday, June 19, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 36th Avenue., Oakland.

Election of officers will be the main order of business.

Refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting date has been advanced to JUNE 27, 1959, due to Independence Day holiday. It will convene at 2:00 p.m., and will be held at 1918 Grove St., Oakland.

There will be a report on salary negotiations.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, June 18, at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. All stewards are requested to attend the Joint Stewards Council Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif.

1. We will have the regular order of business.

2. "BE IT RESOLVED: That an addition to the By-Laws of this Local Union of Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444 be made as follows:

"Any member of this Local Union No. 444 who fails to attend at least one (1) regular meeting of this local union every three (3) months shall be fined a sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for that quarter of the year."

This Resolution had its first reading in the meeting of May 27th and will have its second reading and be voted on at this meeting of June 24th.

Please make every effort to attend this union meeting as this Resolution has a monetary importance to you.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The special called meeting Thursday, June 25, is for the purpose:

1—Of electing officers and delegates for your local.

2—Of electing an executive secretary and six business agents for District Council 16.

Let's get down to this special called meeting.

Fraternally,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Attention, Local 40 members! Election to be held Friday, June 26, 1959.

There will be no regular meeting held. Polls will be open for voting from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We will be electing officers and delegates to serve our Local for a two-year term. We will also be electing a secretary-treasurer and business representatives for District Council No. 16.

We had a good turnout at our last election. Let's make this one even better. Reserve a few minutes of your time to vote for the people you feel are best qualified to serve you.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco - Oakland Mailers Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, California on Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1959 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE STAFFORD,
Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, June 26, 1959, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, Hall D... Movie: David J. McDonald presenting his statement before the Wage Policy Committee.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next membership meeting, to be held June 18, 1959, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on resolutions introduced at our last meeting.

Please try and arrange your affairs so that you may be in attendance.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, June 19, a special meeting will be called to order to give us the result of the nomination of officers and some other controversial questions that occurred at the June 5 meeting. We should turn out at our next meeting and become informed of the result of some of these questions.

Election of officers of our own local and District Council No. 16 will be held in our office Saturday,

June 20th. The polls will be open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. We should have a big turnout for this occasion.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

ATTENTION! ALL HOUSE PAINTER UNIONS!

This is to advise you that there will be a special called meeting of your local union on Monday, June 29, at your regular meeting place, for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendments to the Bay Area Joint Agreement.

Involved in these proposed amendments are increases in pay and fringes totaling 70 cents per hour over a three-year period, as well as changes affecting the administration of the contract, shop stewards' clause, spray regulation, and other working conditions.

You are urged to be in attendance at this meeting so that you may be advised of the particulars of the contract and have the opportunity to vote on acceptance or rejection of the contract.

LESLIE K. MOORE,
President and
Administrative Officer

Esther Luther of Clerks is mourned

Esther Luther, who died last week, had been secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 1179 in Richmond for 24 years. At funeral services held last Friday in the Wilson & Katzer Civic Center Chapel in Richmond Rev. Dr. Lorraine Cross read a list of the important labor and civic activities in which Mrs. Luther had engaged, and all those hearing it found it very impressive.

Mrs. Luther had been ill in hospital for 8 weeks before her death. She is survived by her husband, John L. Luther, by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Burg, and two grandchildren.

If over 40!

The general board of the National Council of Churches says that even in the ministry men over 40 have a poor chance of getting employment.

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Appellate Court orders Hoffa to obey the monitors

The Teamsters Union, which in January 1958 entered a consent agreement providing for a board of monitors on the union's affairs, must comply with the monitors' major "clean-up" recommendations, the U. S. Court of Appeals has ruled.

In a decision that was unanimous in most respects, the court rejected an appeal challenging the authority of District Judge F. Dickinson Letts to order the union to obey or otherwise reasonably cooperate with the clean-up recommendations.

The appellate court held that the power of the monitors was advisory only, but that Judge Letts, after a hearing, could "order" the union to take "any necessary action" to carry out directives of the court. Letts has consistently upheld most of the monitors' recommendations.

Refusal to comply with the district court's orders presumably would expose officers of the union, described by the appellate court as holding office only on a "provisional" basis, to contempt proceedings.

The Teamsters Union was expelled from the AFLCIO by convention action in December 1957 on findings of corruption.

Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the board of monitors who sought backing from Judge Letts when Teamsters President James R. Hoffa last year called for a new convention and election to "get rid of the monitors," declared:

"It is now clear that the district court has authority to insist that corruption in the Teamsters be wiped out before an election can be held. . . . It is clear that the board of monitors can go forward under the opinion of the court." — AFLCIO News.

METAL POLISHERS 128 have been granted strike sanction against the employers' California Metal Trades Association, with the suggestion that they affiliate with the Central Labor Council as soon as possible.

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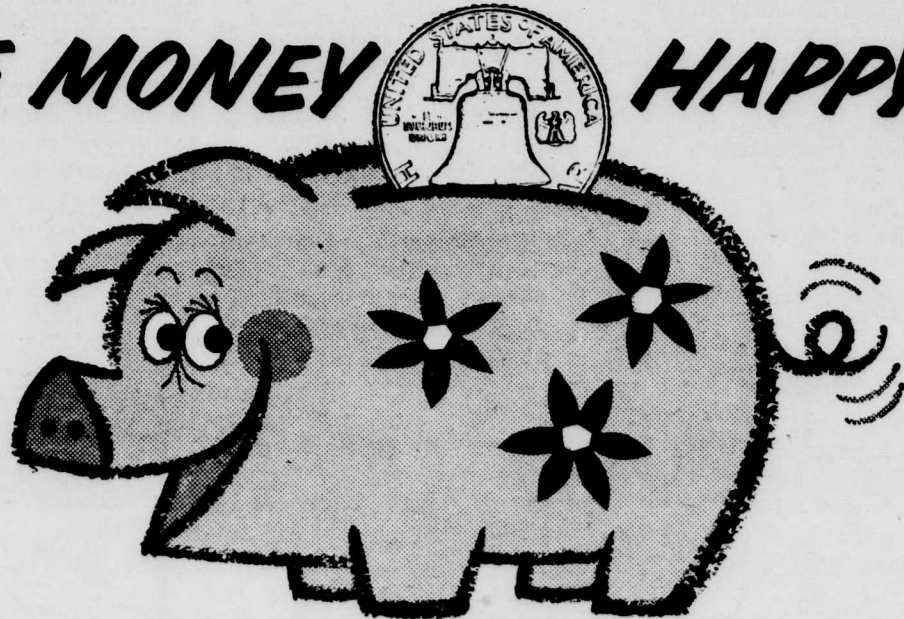
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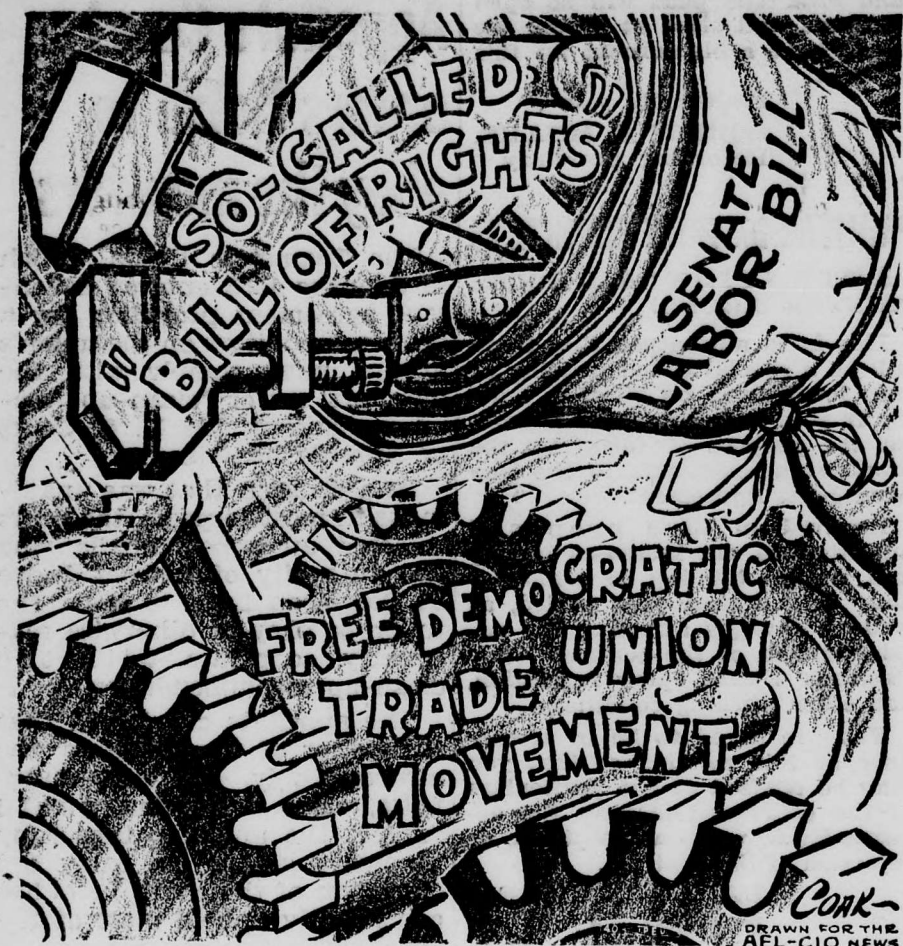
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District Council of Painters No. 16

The Past Year Speaks for Itself!



British laborite who visited here sees Chattanooga

The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Labor World carried this story about a visit to that city of a British labor man who not long ago attended the Central Labor Council here as a guest:

A most interesting Scotsman, well versed in the administration of Great Britain's National Health Service and radio-TV programming and an important figure in the British labor movement, was in Chattanooga last week.

David Currie, of Glasgow, senior vice-president of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union of Great Britain who is touring the United States as a participant in the Foreign Leadership program of the International Education Exchange Service of the U. S. Department of State, granted an exclusive interview to The Labor World.

Mr. Currie, chief pharmacist with and immediate past chairman of the board of management for the Glasgow Northern Hospitals, is also a member of the Regional Hospital Board for the west of Scotland, on the Broadcasting Council for Scotland and past president of the general council of the Scottish Trade Union Congress, their counterpart to our AFLCIO. He is solidly "sold" on the merits of the National Health Service of Great Britain. "Immense improvement in the standard of accommodations and treatment have resulted as a result of the NHS," he said.

While in this country Mr. Currie will observe and familiarize himself with our television industry, study the operations of our hospitals and health programs and become better acquainted with our trade union movement. His visit to Chattanooga was confined to interests in health and trade unionism.

Labor spokesman insists foreign aid is needed

WASHINGTON — It is the "firm belief" of the AFLCIO that the \$3.9 billion President Eisenhower has requested for the mutual security program "is the rock-bottom minimum amount required" to do the job, Legislative Director Andrew J. Biemiller testified before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee.

"I want to reiterate with all the vigor I can command," he said, "the continuing support of the labor movement for a dynamic, effective foreign aid program." — AFLCIO News.

T-H has injured publishing trade

The Taft-Hartley Act has served to bring about a bitter and disruptive division between publishers and printers, President Elmer Brown of the International Typographical Union told a meeting of the Inland Daily Press Association at Chicago.

"Publishers, before Taft-Hartley," he declared, "liked to employ our members under contract because they were assured of a stable working force of skilled craftsmen, with an ever-ready reservoir of extra help for peak work-loads and with the privilege of retrenching when the valleys were reached."

"The union's members were happy because they were guaranteed fair wages, good working conditions and job security."

"This type of fine, mutually-profitable labor - management relations became a tradition in the industry that could have gone on forever, if Government interference had not entered the picture."

Brown asked that collective bargaining be "removed from the judges' bench" and returned "to the table where it belongs."

"Let us, printers and publishers, who know more in a minute about our mutual problems and how to resolve them to our mutual satisfaction than all the bureaucrats and the courts have learned in 12 years of Taft-Hartley, and more than they will know in another dozen years, approach each other with a desire to get along and jointly work so our industry will grow and prosper," he said.—The Carpenter.

Government employees in organizing drive with the Machinists Union

WASHINGTON — The Government Employees and the Machinists have entered into a mutual assistance pact paving the way for joint organizing campaigns at federal installations.

IAM President A. J. Hayes and AFGE President James A. Campbell signed the agreement, which pledges the two unions "to cooperate and assist each other" and provides machinery for settling jurisdictional disputes.

Machinists District 44 is the largest craft union in the federal service, while a majority of AFGE's membership is made up of white collar classified employees. AFGE also represents a number of blue collar workers, and it is in that field that jurisdictional disputes have flared up in the past — AFLCIO News.

Oakland Carpenters Local 36 elects officers & delegates

Carpenters Local 36 in an election held June 12 chose officers and delegates for a two-year period, and a trustee for a three-year period as follows:

J. F. Hightower was elected president, getting 247 votes to the 215 for Anders Larsen.

The following were returned to office without opposition: vice president, George P. Collins; financial secretary, E. M. Crow; treasurer, William Wheeler; conductor, P. T. Brightwell; warden, Joseph Irthum; trustee, Ed. Jonson; examining board, John Walsh.

Oscar N. Anderson, getting 307 votes, was reelected recording secretary; Robert H. Rose got 145 votes.

Alfred Thoman and C. E. Risley, incumbent business representatives, were reelected, getting respectively 354 and 233 votes; other candidates were Lewis Wilson 182 votes, and Howell Frazier 110.

There were 33 candidates for the 20 places on the District Council of Carpenters. The following were elected: C. R. Bartalini 358, E. M. Crow 336, Oscar N. Anderson 314, Alfred Thoman 314, George P. Collins 313, V. V. Dart 313, G. B. Benonys 306, James Brooks 291, Barney Holder Sr. 290, John Walsh 289, J. F. Hightower 286, Ed. Jonson 272, Anders Larsen 272, Lewis Wilson 272, Howell Frazier 269, C. E. Risley 267, Frank Lindahl 263, M. B. Cameron 248, L. B. Flanigan 247, P. T. Brightwell 235.

Other candidates for the District Council of Carpenters were: Eugene R. Anderson 231, J. C. Dial 229, John Clapp 219, Melvin W. Johnson 215, William I. Dorsey 183, Herman Sharp 169, John M. King 168, Lonnie Moore 139, John Melton 136, H. E. Goetz 110, Ozzo J. Marrow 104, Thomas W. Johnson 101, Howard Barbera 99.

Weakley approves brains in editors

Experts in the field of journalism, discounting some hacks of the "fourth estate," tell us that we are in "Sputnikland" and beam our paper over the heads of the "average reader."

They tell us that one of the nation's largest magazines has a circulation of some 12 million. Also, that the deliberate beam is intended for the 7th grade child. This evaluation indicates that we should lower our standards to a 7th grader.

We resent this idea and will, as long as I remain in charge of this newspaper, respect the intelligence of our people. We simply do not believe that our people fit the category of the professional idea of the "average reader."

Many leaders, in unions, management, journalism, and sadly enough, even in education, retain their positions through an appeal to ignorance.

A real leader challenges ignorance and provides education in order to eliminate ignorance. He is the calculated risk but a good risk if he has faith in human beings and their dignity. — Ron Weakley in Utility Worker.

There were 16 candidates for the 10 places in the delegation to the Building Trades Council. The ten elected were:

C. R. Bartalini 340, Alfred Thoman 322, Oscar N. Anderson 300, Lewis Wilson 294, J. F. Hightower 293, George P. Collins 271, C. E. Risley 267, Anders Larsen 252, Thomas Almond 226, Lem Flanigan 217.

Other candidates for the BTC delegation were:

P. T. Brightwell 206, J. C. Dial 200, M. B. Cameron 178, Melvin W. Johnson 167, William I. Dorsey 156, Herman Sharp 156, Eugene R. Anderson 151, Ozzo J. Marrow 99.

There were 11 candidates for the 5 places on the Central Labor Council delegation. The five elected were:

Alfred Thoman 329, Thomas Almond 297, Howell Frazier 256, James Brooks 252, William Wheeler 206.

The other candidates for places on the CLC delegation were:

Robert Rose 177, M. B. Cameron 132, Herman Sharp 132, William I. Dorsey 115, Ralph Boyd 94, John Melton 64.

Time Magazine is rapped by prelate

"Time magazine has long since ceased to be—if indeed it ever was — a newsmagazine, strictly so-called. It has become, for all practical purposes, a journal of opinion, with an obvious bias in favor of one political party and an even more obvious bias in favor of the management point of view in the field of economics and labor relations."

That analysis came recently from Monsignor George Higgins, director of the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Msgr. Higgins, a leading Catholic spokesman on social issues, went on to detail how Time showed its anti-labor bias by "camouflaged editorializing" in its report on Senate passage of the Kennedy labor bill.

Thus, Father Higgins confirms what many other commentators, including LABOR, have pointed out—that Time magazine has become more of a propaganda than a news publication. —LABOR.

Ladies Garment Workers send labels by millions

NEW YORK — More than 139 million union labels have been distributed to locals and joint boards of the Ladies' Garment Workers since the ILGWU launched its label campaign early this year.

The total includes more than 99 million cloth labels, to be sewn into women's dresses, sweaters, skirts, sportswear and bathing suits, and 40 million paper labels. The paper labels go into cotton dresses and children's wear. — AFLCIO News.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Compensation law first '59 gain in social insurance

The California Legislature, Monday, June 8, sent to Governor Brown the first major piece of social insurance legislation to be enacted by the 1959 session.

AB 1015, authored by Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D., Alameda Co.) was passed by the Senate without opposition. It was steered through the upper house by Senator Edwin J. Regan (D., Shasta and Trinity Co.).

The bill contains far-reaching improvements in California's workmen's compensation program which will increase benefits for injured workers by over 16 million dollars a year. Having already been approved by the Assembly, the bill goes directly to the Governor for signature.

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, commended the legislature for its action in enacting "the most substantial improvements in workmen's compensation in my fifteen years as legislative representative of organized labor in the State."

The State AFLCIO head added: "The workers of this State, I am sure, are appreciative of the action of the legislators and also of the support extended by the Governor during the process of consideration of AB 1015."

Within the present wage-loss formula in California's workmen's compensation law, AB 1015 increases the maximum weekly benefit for temporary disabilities from \$50 to \$65, and the maximum for permanent disabilities from \$40 to \$52.50 a week.

In the case of both temporary and permanent disability the minimum benefit amount is increased from \$15 to \$20 a week.

Death benefits, payable at the temporary disability benefit amount, are also increased substantially by the liberalization measure on the Governor's desk.

A totally dependent wife with children will receive a death benefit of \$20,500 instead of the present \$15,000. In the case of a totally dependent spouse without dependents, the death benefit increase is from \$12,000 to \$17,500. The maximum for partial dependency in the case of death is raised from \$12,000 to \$15,000. — State Fed Newsletter.

Job evaluation scheme handicap to bargaining

MADISON, Wis. — Job evaluation systems created by management to "get more work out of employees for less pay" seriously hamper free collective bargaining processes, 22 staff representatives of the Carpenters were told during a week-long institute here.

The training session — conducted jointly by the AFLCIO Department of Research, the research department of the Carpenters, and the University of Wisconsin's School for Workers — stressed the fact that job evaluation systems fail to result in an equitable wage structure, as management contends. — AFLCIO News.

Population Explosion



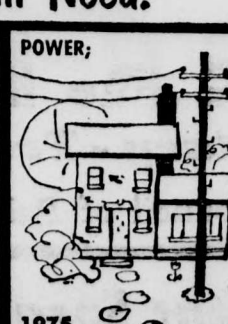
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Hellender chosen as labor's leader in Crusade drive

Labor leadership and participation in the 1959 United Crusade campaign will be handled by Arthur Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

Named to the post of campaign vice-chairman this year, Hellender will act as liaison between the Crusade and organized labor throughout the county in coordinating the solicitation among union employees and groups.

Hellender's appointment is in keeping with the Labor Council's action in March of this year to pledge its full support to one annual campaign only. At that time, Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary made it clear:

"We are going to have to prove to the community as well as to other charitable and welfare organizations that we mean what we say and do in raising funds necessary for the United Crusade."

In his first official act since accepting the volunteer leadership spot, Hellender addressed a group of some 40 business executives at the third in a series of special training sessions for the Crusade's new "account executive" program.

Hellender pointed out to the group, "Support of the United Crusade and its agencies is one job where labor and management have always worked hand-in-hand." He added, "This year we in organized labor are going to do everything we can to make the campaign a success—I know you gentlemen are equally determined."

Hayward adopting fair housing rule

The City Council of Hayward has adopted a fair housing resolution declaring:

"It is the policy of the City Council that no person applying to buy, rent or lease quarters in any housing development in the City of Hayward constructed with public assistance, either direct or indirect, from any governmental body, local, state, or federal, shall be subjected to discrimination, or segregation because of his race, creed, color, national origin, religious, or political opinions, or affiliation."

The resolution was introduced by Councilman Purchio, and was voted for by Mayor Attaway and Councilmen Biggs, Phillips, Purchio, and Sheridan. Councilman Dettenrieder was absent.

Buster A. Brooks, president of the Hayward-Southern Alameda County branch of the NAACP, commented:

"The Hayward branch feels this was a great achievement—to eliminate discrimination in housing in our area."

Pension-Labor Democrats launch membership drive

Members of the Pension-Labor Democratic Clubs of Alameda County are spearheading a membership drive at a kickoff meeting to be held in the True Food Cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, Friday, June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Members are hoping to expand the present membership from 300 to 1000 before the start of the 1960 political campaign. The clubs cooperate closely with organized labor.

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Progress in urban renewal is outlined at meeting of BTC

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stimulation given by the project is causing much money to be spent by property owners who realize that by spending some now in line with the standards set up by the project they are greatly increasing the value of their holdings.

Home owners are reached by letter, a field representative calls, makes a survey, or the owner can make an appointment to confer with the representative on his property.

Deficiencies and violations of the building code are enumerated, and the owner is urged to correct these for the sake of his own property values.

In cases where the amount of work to be done is very small, assistance sometimes have to be given to help the owner to line up a contractor willing to handle so small a job.

Also great stress is laid on advice to home owners to shy clear of the suede shoe lads who try to victimize them.

Meanwhile, public works are under way, the improving of sewers, curbs, etc.

Lankford said that very little objection to the program had been made by residents of the

Wilkin, Jones on convention panels

Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks 870, was in Los Angeles this week, serving on the constitution committee of the Retail Clerks International Association, which will open next week its convention at the Ambassador Hotel.

Charles Jones, president of Local 870, has been appointed to the credentials committee of the convention, taking the place made vacant by last week's death of Esther Luther, for 24 years secretary of Retail Clerks 1179 in Richmond. She had served for years on the international convention's credentials committee.

James A. Suffridge, general president of the RCIA, is a member of Local 870, and was formerly its secretary-treasurer.

Leaflets against labor bill ready

AFLCIO President George Meany has notified the Central Labor Council that the United labor headquarters in Washington is prepared to supply unions with leaflets outlining the AFL-CIO objections to the Kennedy-Ervin labor bill which recently passed the Senate and is now before the House.

area. He pointed out that many of the field representatives and staff members are AFLCIO people, and that Al Thoman of the Carpenters is on the appeals board to which owners can turn if they feel their rights are invaded.

GARONI RESIGNS

The resignation of Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, as a trustee of the council, was accepted with regret. Garoni is taking a position with the California Vision Service.

President Pruss announced that nomination and election of a successor to the post of trustee would be at the next meeting.

DELEGATES SEATED

William Ward and Edward A. Rainey were reelected as delegates from Lathers 88, and Robert J. Dixon was seated.

CONVENTION CALLS

Convention calls were read by BTC Secretary John Davy, from the California Labor Federation, meeting in San Diego August 10, and from the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department, in San Francisco at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel September 9-11.

President Joseph Pruss and Business Representative J. L. Childers were designated as delegates to the CLF convention.

Textile strikers win good contract

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for COPE in the 17th Assembly District, told the council:

"When they told us we ought to be satisfied with the wage they wanted us to take, we told them that this was Alameda County, California."

The striking local and the unions supporting it have contended from the start of the dispute that the parent Textron outfit, with more than 50 plants, many in the South, was trying to make Southern conditions prevail here.

Carpenter Council busy negotiating

Intensive negotiations were continuing this week between the Bay District Council of Carpenters and the eight groups of employers in Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties.

Chester Bartalini of Carpenters 36 here is executive secretary of the Bay District Council. These negotiations are separate from those carried on with employers in other Northern California counties.

25% able to vote then, but now 85%

Operating Engineers big Local 12 in Los Angeles has demonstrated what a local union can do in getting its members registered to vote. When Local 12 checked its membership against the Los Angeles County list of registered voters early last year, it found that only 25 percent of the members were qualified to vote.

Under the leadership of Business Manager R. B. Bronson and Legislative Assistant Louis Avila, the local then set up telephone committees, made personal calls at home and held socials, dances and family meetings in its program of getting its members registered. The result was that by the time the November elections rolled around, 85 percent of Local 12's members were registered.

The chief requirement in getting members registered, as demonstrated by Operating Engineers Local 12, is nothing less than hard work. — COPE.

Negro union man comments on mob

Asbury Howard, Negro union leader sentenced to the chain gang in Bessemer, Alabama, is quoted in the Nashville Globe as saying:

"I am convinced that the mob which beat and kicked me had become aware that their system is a lost cause.

"Government exclusively of the whites, for the whites, and by the whites can only perish from the earth."

Membership vote prevails as IAM lodges tie 4 to 4

"Since the vote by lodges was a tie vote, the acceptance by the majority of the membership was the determining factor, in accordance with the constitution of the International Association of Machinists."

This was the statement by John Schiavenza, secretary of the Machinists' negotiating committee, following a vote of 1639 to 1321 in favor of accepting the last offer made by the employers' organization, the California Metal Trades Association.

Of the 8 lodges voting, 4 voted to accept, 4 voted to reject, but the counting of the total vote cast by the membership gave the results cited.

The new contract runs for 22 months, and effective September 14 there will be hourly wage increases of from 5 to 8 cents, a 10-cent hourly contribution by employers to a pension fund, and improvements in vacation and group insurance provisions.

The Central Labor Council here had granted strike sanction to the lodges in this area, and sanction had been secured elsewhere for the other lodges. A total of 143 plants in the Bay Area could have been struck if no agreement had been reached.

OPERATING ENGINEERS 3 was granted strike sanction against the Oakland Dock & Warehouse Co., which after some years has resumed use of cranes, but refused to renew its former contract with the Engineers, saying the ILWU claimed the jurisdiction.

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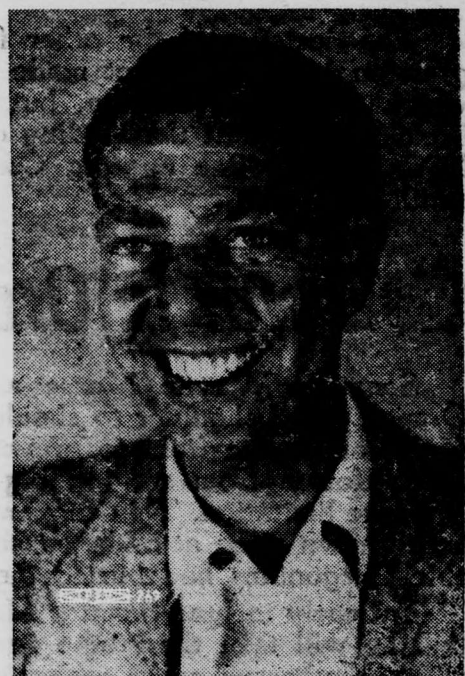
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So law enforcement must be by headline hunters?

A week before the House Un-American Activities Committee was scheduled to begin hearings involving California school-teachers, the U. S. Supreme Court in a 5 to 4 decision upheld in broad terms the power of Congress and State Legislatures to investigate alleged subversion. The case was that of a teacher at Vassar who refused to answer questions about Communist associations.

The court majority rejected contentions that the House committee was interested solely in exposing alleged subversives to public obloquy, holding that the court could not look into Congressmen's motives.

If the court can't look into the motives of Congressmen for holding some of these hearings, the average citizen can look into their motives, and does; the average citizen comes up very often with the conclusion that the motives of these Congressmen is to make the headlines by exposing unpopular persons to public obloquy.

This opinion of many average citizens, especially labor citizens concerned with some implications of the McClellan Committee hearings, gets some pretty firm backing from the four Justices who dissented from this recent decision. These four dissenters were: Chief Justice Warren, and Justices Black, Douglas, and Brennan. Black in the dissenting opinion said:

"The court today fails to see what is here for all to see—that exposure and punishment is the aim of this committee and the reason for its existence."

The decision of the other five Justices implies that Congressional inquiry is not made only to gather information on which to base legislation, but that law enforcement has so broken down that the holding of suspected persons up to obloquy by headline hunting Congressmen is the sole remedy available to this republic.

Civil war in Oregon?

Senators Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon stood shoulder to shoulder with Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois in the fight to prevent Senators Kuchel and Engle of California from serving big landholders by removing the 160-acre limitation. This cooperation of Morse and Neuberger, long known to be at odds, caused liberals to hope that the two able Oregonians had buried the hatchet.

But early in June Senator Morse announced in Washington that he will take the stump against his Democratic colleague when Neuberger seeks reelection next year.

We earnestly hope that Morse is not following the example of the famous magazine editor of whom it was said that he "built with one hand and tore down with both."

By tremendous effort the liberals, many of them in the trade unions ranks, carried Oregon, a traditionally Republican State, for Neuberger, and have been proud of the fact that at last both Oregon Senators were liberal Democrats.

But last election the Republicans carried the Governorship. If Morse goes ahead with his announced intention, he will be doing much to give a Senatorship back to the GOP. His difference of opinion with Dick Neuberger would have to be super-super-colossal to justify such an action.

The humorless unemployed

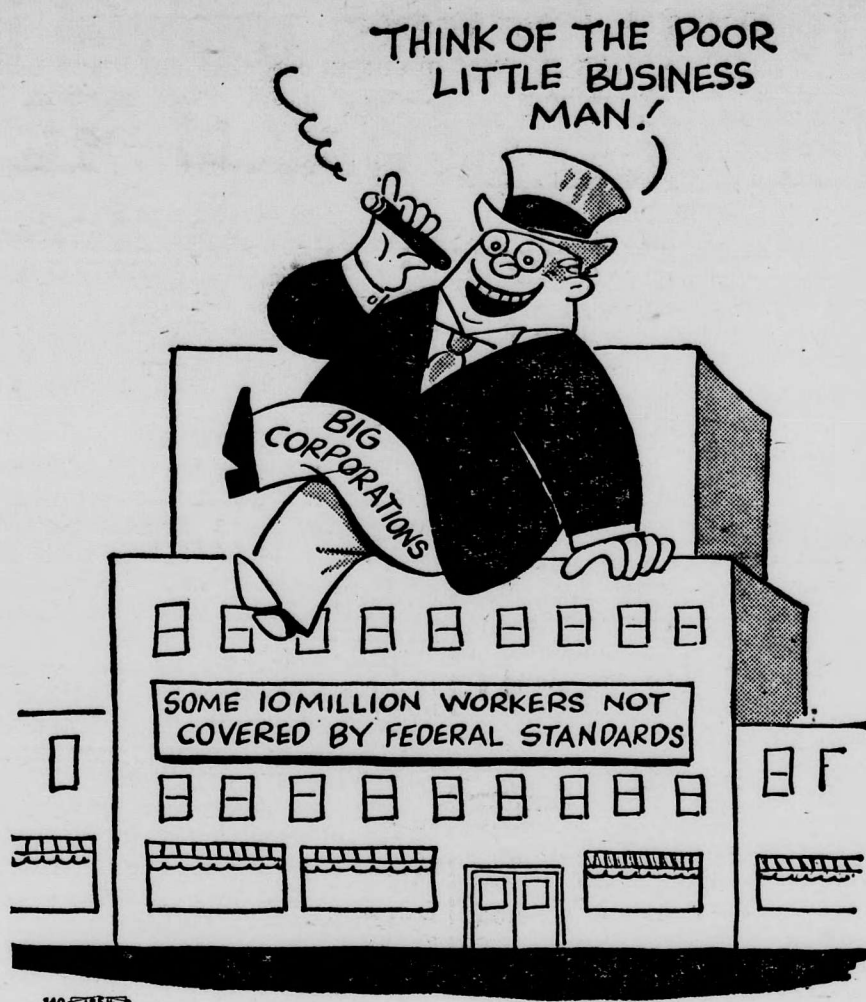
Every time the Government announces that unemployment has dropped the GOP issues a "told-you-so" statement and the Trib has a cartoon showing liberal Democrats and labor leaders looking like particularly foolish donkeys.

But Sylvia Porter the syndicated writer on economics pointed out the last time the GOP and the Trib had a gleefest on this subject the following facts:

"Of the 3,627,000 jobless, 2,300,000 are men. Most are adult men. More than 40% of all unemployed today are men 25 or over, and of the 2,300,000 jobless in mid-April more than 830,000 were in the prime working years of 25 to 44. Most are married men with youngsters at school and debts."

The Trib should publish a cartoon kidding these married men with children, and telling them they're having a wonderful experience and that they should deeply appreciate it.

The trouble is, some people won't take a joke. When they're out of work and it's hard to go on keeping the kids in school and to dig up something to eat, Trib cartoons don't seem to satisfy. People are funny that way.



HUTCHINSON TESTIFIES ON LABOR LEGISLATION

Following is a portion of the testimony given by John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs for UC Institute of Industrial Relations, and a delegate to the Central Labor Council from Berkeley Teachers 1078, before the House Committee on Education and Labor in Los Angeles May 29:

I am concerned principally with making two points before this committee: first, that there must be, in the interests of both the labor movement and the community, some labor reform legislation passed in this session of the Congress; but second, that such legislation must be kept to a minimum, and based upon a clear understanding of the nature and requirements of free trade unionism.

It is disturbing to hear that the current dissatisfaction on the part of many trade unionists with some aspects of the pending labor reform legislation may lead the House of Representatives to take no action whatsoever in this field.

That, in my opinion, would be a tragedy. The problem of corruption and unethical practices in American trade unions is something that cannot be solved by the labor movement alone. The AFLCIO has already done as much as any federation can do to eliminate the corrupt and the wayward from its ranks.

The AFLCIO, after all, is essentially a confederal body, exercising the powers delegated to it by its affiliates, and heir to perhaps the strongest tradition of all in American trade unionism—the tradition of individual union autonomy. It has no original authority of its own.

Yet there is no precedent in American labor history for the manner in which the AFLCIO has assumed such responsibility for the internal affairs of its affiliates, amounting in some cases to the establishment of virtual trusteeships over affiliated unions, and in others to the expulsion of extremely powerful and badly-needed organizations.

There is little more that the AFLCIO can do without running the risk of suicide. It requires the assistance of the law. The corrupt remain in certain places, and are not likely to be removed by exhortation, expulsion, or any other disciplinary means available to the federation.

But what kind of aid should be given? Many of the remedies currently before the Congress seem to me to be based upon an inadequate understanding of the nature of trade union government, and of the requirements of any free trade union if it is to survive and serve its members well.

A trade union is not a town meeting. Whatever the merits of

that system of government in parts of New England, it is not calculated to bring about effective trade unionism. It is not in dispute that all unions should be democratic in both principle and practice; that all major decisions of the leadership should be subject to the will of the membership; and that the right of all union members to participate fully and freely in the life of their union should be protected by the law.

But these are not the only principles involved. If union members are entitled to free speech, they are also entitled to self-government. If they are entitled to the assistance of the law in the protection of their rights, they should also be free of legal harassment and undue legislative control. If unions should be democratic in procedure, they should also be organized for swift and effective action in the protection of their interests.

The consequences of these principles are fundamental. Union members should be free, as far as possible, to develop laws and procedures of their own choosing. They should be free to delegate such power as they see fit to their officers so as to protect their union, and free to impose reasonable disciplinary action on those members who clearly jeopardize the security of their union. They should be free from the capricious intervention of public officials in the internal affairs of their union, and from punitive legal actions on the part of malcontents and adversaries.

The big difference

There are fundamental reasons why labor unions, as contrasted with business enterprises, should not be further subject to the anti-trust laws...

The primary interest of a business is profit, while that of a union is protection of employees...

Organized labor has squarely faced its responsibility to put its house in order, at considerable risk and strain to itself.

Let us not use the pretext of a need to forestall corruption to destroy one of the inalienable rights of American workers. — Congressman Emanuel Celler, (D., N. Y.)

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CREDIT UNIONS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Credit Unions among union members were mentioned in the Journal of May 8 in a little item from California Credit Union League which stated that there are 464 Credit Unions among union locals. I would like to add that some of these Credit Unions serve members of more than one local, and the total number of locals being served by Credit Unions is well over 1,000. Many union internationals have endorsed the Credit Union movement. The rate of organization of new Credit Unions is accelerating among union members as it is in other groups. In California the number of Credit Unions has increased from 400 to over 1600 in ten years.

A Credit Union can do more for the members than any other financial institution in the world. The members own and run the Credit Union and shape its policies to suit their needs. The members pool their savings and loan to each other. The lower interest rate saves the borrower many dollars and yet provides a fair dividend to the investors. The maximum Credit Union interest adds up to only \$6.50 on \$100 repaid in twelve monthly payments.

A Credit Union is a friendly cooperative group organized to help the members help each other. "Not for profit, not for charity, but for service to the members."

Union members can start by passing a motion in the local to set up a committee of interested members. The committee can get help without cost by calling or writing the California Credit Union League at 5464 Foothill Blvd. in Oakland. The union members can organize their own Credit Union and in every case it will prove to be truly beneficial to the members and an asset to the union.

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SENATOR DOUGLAS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Thank you very much for your fine editorial supporting the battle we made to eliminate the exemption from Reclamation Law from the San Luis Bill.

We are delighted that the Senate finally adopted our amendment, and we believe as you do that this was an important matter not only of California but of national policy.

We are also glad that you intend to stay in the battle as it moves over into the House.

Faithfully,

PAUL H. DOUGLAS

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JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!

The government may go on issuing rosy charts and statistics; corporations may go on peddling tranquilizing statements; but the labor movement will never rest on its oars so long as any substantial number of men and women who want to work cannot find jobs. — The Carpenter.

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PERFECT EDITOR

Tilford Mootz wuz over t' the Henryville poor farm th' other day t' see an ol' friend o' his thet used to publish a newspaper that pleased ever'buddy. — Kin Hubbard.

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IT SAYS HERE

This one-man rule stuff is a myth. — Senator Lyndon Johnson.